

HEARS THE NEWS IN SYRIA

Word of McKinley's Election Reaches G. W. Lininger at Baalbec.

RATIFICATION MEETING AT BEYROUT

Americans Gather Together in the Far-Off Asiatic Port to Celebrate the Victory for McKinley and Good Government.

The following interesting letter has been received by the editor of The Bee from Hon. George W. Lininger of this city, telling of the reception of the news of McKinley's re-election in far-off Western Asia:

BEYROUT, Syria, Nov. 11, 1900.—My Dear Mr. News: I have the honor to allow me to congratulate you personally for the success of the republican party and ticket in Nebraska. It was a glorious victory. I have been watching the campaign from afar as it progressed. I expected success, but did not dare to hope for such a victory, and particularly from Nebraska. We received the news the day after election whilst visiting the ruins of old Baalbec, over 8,000 miles from home and in an almost desert country, of course the dispatch was in Arabic, but our interpreter interpreted it for us, giving 202 for McKinley.

You may be curious to know how we, at such an out-of-the-way place, should be receiving such glorious tidings. It was this way: The American consul here, Mr. G. B. Havens, who, by the way, is from Sioux Falls, S. D., accompanied us to Damascus, where we did some sight-seeing together. He returned to Beyrouth in advance in order to receive the election news, as there is located here quite an American colony. He agreed to forward to us all news of election, hence the dispatch to Baalbec. Mr. Havens, the consul, is a wide-awake republican and quite a friend of yours, through reading The Bee. On our return to Beyrouth he had a high opinion of the prize for a few Americans. He thought we should have some kind of a ratification or jubilation meeting. Taking carriages we drove about six miles down the coast into Lebanon, on Dog river, a beautiful stream that supplies water for the city. Imagine our surprise to find, when we turned into the beautiful grove, he had sent his servants in advance. The first thing to greet us were two large new American flags, draped so as to reveal a table well laden with the good things of the fertile soil, and to make it still more interesting, I noticed canned goods from South Omaha, and to make it still more bidding and interesting to a gentleman from Wisconsin, he had a case of stuff that made Milwaukeeans proud of their city.

We needed no second invitation to seat ourselves about the table, for the drive had sharpened our appetites. Fully three hours were spent at the tables, the consul himself presiding. We had no stenographer with us, and if we had been there I question whether he could have kept up with the hilarity and jolly remarks coming in, sometimes all at once, and in different languages, including the Arabic speeches made by the consuls, who insisted on paying their tribute to Mr. McKinley. Joseph in particular saying that he had spent quite a lot of money burning candles in his particular church and praying for McKinley's election. The company was not large, yet I never saw so much enthusiasm at any ratification meeting. Every one present was down for a toast and all heartily responded. At the suggestion of the consul the following named gentlemen were appointed to send a cablegram of congratulation to our president: G. B. Havens, chairman, Sioux Falls, S. D.; W. Lininger, Omaha, Neb.; H. K. White, Detroit, Mich.; George S. White, Detroit, Mich.; S. D. Jessup, treasurer, Beyrouth, consul; William C. Magellan, vice consul, Beyrouth; Constantine Khouri, interpreter for over twenty years for the various consulates, all participating in the expense of the dispatch, which, from its length, was considerable.

The sensation of the evening was the consul upon your humble servant when the consul read a dispatch stating that the right electoral votes of Nebraska and the four of South Dakota would be cast for McKinley. The news seemed too good to be true and I asked that the dispatch be read again. You can be assured that a great shout went up from the ladies. The settled it, and after singing "America," in which all joined, we returned to the city at a late hour.

We have during the past ten days spent our time here in Baalbec and Damascus, the latter being one of the three oldest cities now in existence. Its present population is 350,000, only 30,000 of whom are Christians, 25,000 Jews, the balance Mohammedans. Their greatest industry is silk weaving, yet a large commerce is carried on in all kinds of grain, caravans of camels coming in from long distances laden with wheat, corn, barley, wool, etc. The city is on a level plain, mostly one-story. The street called Straight in Bible time is about one mile long, with bazars on both sides. I should think that there were about four bazars of covered bazaars, mostly oriental goods; in fact, it is the most oriental city we have ever visited. There are no great ruins there because the city has never been destroyed, as most

of them have been, yet they are constantly rebuilding, and the street called Straight now seems some six or seven feet higher than when St. Paul passed over it. This is shown more particularly on the side streets. I say streets, because the natives so call them, but I can assure you that a camel cannot pass through them because three feet up the roofs of the houses come together at the top.

Baalbec must have been a wonderful city in its time, judging from the extensive ruins and magnificent temples, the temple of the Sun being the finest I ever saw. Six columns of it are still standing, but the earthquakes have succeeded in pretty well demolishing everything except the heavy stone walls; the sixty-foot stones by twelve feet square are not disturbed. The present city has about 15,000 people.

Beyrouth has a population of 120,000, 80,000 Christians and 40,000 Mohammedans. It is the greatest and best commercial city in either Syria or Palestine, and I think, the most American city on the entire Mediterranean coast. The American college which has been established here for more than sixty years has left its imprint all over this country. It now has thirty-five teachers and professors, with over 500 pupils. It is without exception the best equipped school or college, outside of the states, that is governed by Americans. The cultivation of the mulberry and silk worm is one of the leading industries of the country. A large business is done in olive oil, wine, nuts, raisins, figs, wool, oranges and some tobacco. Six or seven lines of steamers come here regularly, but, as I am sure, say, no American steamer may say more on that question later. We leave here tomorrow for Jerusalem, where we expect to spend two weeks, then on to Cairo, Egypt. Truly yours, G. W. LININGER.

QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE.
A queer judicial tangle is reported from Omaha county, Kansas. It seems that a young woman sued her husband for divorce and got it, but after the decree had been granted it was discovered that the husband was not yet of age and therefore could not be sued in a court of law. It is now being argued whether the divorce may be annulled by appointing a guardian for the boy and then suing through him.

An episode at a session of the North Texas conference of the Southern Methodist church at the city of Dallas, Tex., was the challenging of the Rev. W. A. Smith of Commerce, Tex., on the ground that he was interested in a store, the profits of which were divided among several other churches for mission work, and which was advertised in large placards bearing the inscription, "Jesus Christ, Proprietor." After being reprimanded, he promised not to offend similarly again, and his character was passed.

On the 24th ult., Mrs. Katherine Ault, a widow, residing in Galveston, Cass county, Indiana, carried a fine collection of flowers to the Christian church, to which she belonged, and arranged them about the pulpit for her own funeral. She located stands in front of the church, and the flowers were to be placed on these stands. She stood two large collections of handsome chrysanthemums. She then returned home and arranged her business affairs and her funeral wardrobe. She told her friends that she had a presentiment that her death would happen on that night. That night she retired and never awoke. The coroner and physicians say her death was due to natural causes.

The Presbyterian church of Mount Joy, Pa., loses a handsome legacy by the decision of the auditor in the estate of Rev. David Conway, deceased, its pastor. In May, 1899, he was injured in a driving accident. The night he died he made his will, bequeathing \$5,000 to the church. When told that a bequest to a public institution had to be made thirty days before the testator's death to be valid he gave H. W. Hartman an order for \$7,500 worth of bonds in the Mount Joy National bank, directing him to turn them over to the church. Mr. Hartman telephoned the bank cashier from Lancaster, directing him to send the bonds to him that night. The bank vault was closed and the time lock prevented him opening it until the next morning. By that time Rev. Mr. Conway was dead. The bonds were delivered to Mr. Hartman, who held them pending legal decision. The auditor filed his report, declaring the gift void, and surcharging the executor of the clergyman's estate \$9,222, the value of the bonds and interest.

The double-ended barn of Thomas Finnegan in Monticello, Me., has been giving the American customs officers plenty of trouble for some time back, and has recently landed Mr. Finnegan in trouble again, he having to pay a fine to avoid going to jail. This barn straddles the dividing line between the state of Maine and the province of New Brunswick. Mr. Finnegan is an industrial man, but how he managed to raise the crops he did, to say nothing of wool and pelts, has been a puzzle to the customs officers. They decided that an investigation should be held as to the fertility of Mr. Finnegan's farm. They took a number of men, and drove to the barn, one of which was in Monticello, Me., and the other in Wilmet town, province of New Brunswick, Canada. One night when lying in the bushes on the Canadian side of the line the officers saw a number of wagons drive by, and discharge a cargo of wool and pelts into the barn. After the wagons had gone the officers entered the barn and found Mr. Finnegan industriously rolling potato barrels over the border. Mr. Finnegan was fined heavily and the officers will continue to keep an eye on the capacious barn.

PROVERBS ABOUT WOMEN.
Chinese Aphorisms that Have Relation to the Sex.
There is much of philosophy in the subjoined sayings found in Chinese literature and having relation to women:
Respect always a silent woman; great is the wisdom of the woman that holdeth her tongue.
A vain woman is to be feared, for she will sacrifice all for her pride.
Trust not a vain woman, for she is first in her own eyes.
A haughty woman stumbles, for she cannot see what may be in her way.
Trust not the woman that thinketh more of herself than another; mercy will not dwell in her heart.
The gods honor her who thinketh long before opening her lips. Pearls come from her mouth.
A woman that is not loved is a kite from which the string has been taken; she drives with every wind and cometh to naught by a long fall.
A woman and a child are alike; each needs a strong, uplifting hand.
A woman that respects herself is more beautiful than a single star; more beautiful than many stars at night.
A woman that is fond of that which pains the father; she is palm for his troubles.
A woman who mistakes her place can never return to where she first was; the path has been covered up by her eyes.
A woman desirous of being seen by men is not trustworthy; fear the glance from her eye.
Give heed to her to whom children have come; she walks in the sacred ways and lacks not love.
Fears not that to which she has become accustomed.
A mother not spoken well of by her children is an enemy of the state; she should not live within the kingdom's wall.

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STILL LOYAL TO THE CRIMSON

Harvard Men of West Take Active Interest in College Affairs.

DEMAND MEMBER OF BOARD OF OVERSEERS

College Men Revive Anew the Spirit of "When We Were Twenty-One"—Omaha Secures President and May Win Convention.

Harvard graduates residing in the west are beginning to assert greater influence in the affairs of their alma mater than they did previous to a few years ago. The prime factor in bringing about this increased influence is the organization effected about four years ago known as the Associated Harvard Clubs. Its purpose is three-fold—first, the throwing together of graduates from "dear old Harvard" on each year; second, the wielding of an influence which the western alumni believe is due them, and, third, the helping of younger graduates to positions suited to their desires.

At the recent meeting of the organization, held in Minneapolis, the first day of this month, the delegates from Omaha, James H. McIntosh and Charles S. Elgutter, bear witness that each of the three purposes of the club was attained, and further assert that if none other than the first had been reached the vintage was well worth the harvest. It may be ascertained at this juncture to mention that this manner of speech is purely figurative, for no one would presume to accuse a Harvard man of indulging in other than "beer, beer, glorious beer," and, of course, that is not a vintage.

West Demands a Voice.
But the practical side of the annual meeting was by no means subsordinated to the enjoyment of the renewed acquaintance and association of the one-time undergraduates, for a business session was held that consumed the entire afternoon of the day of the meeting and many things of importance were discussed.

Harvard clubs occupy a singular position in scholastic affairs in that there is no other organization similar to it. It largely derived its birthright from the custom of Harvard university to have its board of overseers chosen by the alumni, and the western alumni decided upon the holding of an annual meeting attended by representatives from all western Harvard clubs in order that the west might have a voice in the choosing of the university directors.

"The purpose of the organization of the Associated Harvard Clubs," said Mr. Charles S. Elgutter, a delegate from the Omaha club to the last meeting held in Minneapolis, "was to get all Harvard men west of the Allegheny mountains more in touch with the workings of the university and to keep up their interest in its affairs and also that western men, especially those living west of the Great Lakes, might be able to impress their identity and wishes on the university. There is one thing peculiar about the government of Harvard. Its charter provides that the board of overseers of the university shall be nominated by the alumni of five years standing. The names thus chosen are placed upon a ticket and voted for by the alumni present at the annual class day, during commencement time.

New England Has Advantage.
"The majority of the men who attend the class day exercises at Cambridge are graduates who live in the vicinity of Boston and in the New England states and naturally their number predominates. It has been the policy of the board of overseers to select members of the board of overseers candidates who live within a radius of 150 miles of Boston. Harvard men, spread out through the whole country, felt that they have not had just proportion of representation on the board of overseers and that the best interests of the college would be served by having the governing body distributed in all sections of the country. The primary purpose of the Associated Harvard Clubs, consequently, is to secure the election of Lincoln, Grant and Hayes on the board of overseers of the university. Last year this object was attained in the election of Samuel W. Hill, a prominent railroad man of Minneapolis.

"Delegates to the annual meeting of the Associated Harvard Clubs, representing representatives from local clubs, scattered all over the western country. Our first meeting was held four years ago in Indianapolis and since then we have convened in St. Louis, Chicago and Minneapolis. It now lies with the directors to determine whether in 1901 we shall meet in Omaha or Milwaukee. The chances favor Omaha because of the fact that the president lives here.

Work for Young Graduates.
"Another object of these annual meetings is to keep alive the college feeling in the west, and to give positions for younger Harvard graduates who seek employment.

"Our Minneapolis meeting was very representative and was very enjoyable for the reason that the majority of the men present were graduates out of college for the last ten or fifteen years, and all men who stand well in their respective communities in professional and business life. No one but a college graduate can fully appreciate the camaraderie that exists among men of such class when they come together but once a year.

"The university itself was represented, in the absence of the president, by Prof. Frank W. Taussig, the head of the department of political economy, who is both an able and a very popular lecturer. Prof. Taussig has an international reputation as a writer on political and economic subjects.

James H. McIntosh of this city, who was elected president of the Associated Harvard Clubs for the ensuing year, is a well known lawyer. He graduated in the class of '84 and his selection to the responsible position came about without any opposition, the honor coming to him unanimously.

RELICS OF THE CAMPAIGN.
Stories of Senator Wolcott's campaign in Colorado are among the most interesting reminiscences of the late campaign, relates the Washington Post. One of these stories relates to the episode at Victor, where, as everybody remembers, there was a state of affairs which it would be complimentary to call confusion. Before the excitement reached its height some one in the crowd shouted "Hurray for Wolcott."

"Yes," impulsively exclaimed Wolcott, advancing to the front of the platform, "you can hurrah for Bryan all you like, because you won't have a chance to hurrah for him after election. Your man is beaten now."

"I'll bet you one hundred and sixteen to one he is beaten," said Wolcott. The man pushed his way through the crowd and clambered up on the platform. "I'll take that bet," he said.

"Well," replied Wolcott, "here is the cashier of our bank. You know him? I authorize him to pay you \$116 if Bryan is elected. Now put up your money." The man fumbled in his pocket and brought out a silver dollar.

"Kiss it," exclaimed Wolcott, as the man was about to hand it to the bank cashier. "Kiss it, for you will never see it again."

And Senator Wolcott was right.

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begin clearing away the old buildings which now encumber the site.

A clear manufacturing firm in Trenton, N. J., is attracting the attention of the local business community by its innovations in maintaining order among and holding the attention and increasing the efficiency of the workmen. The firm is the Trenton Paper Co., which has been in the city since 1897. It has a large factory and a woman employed to give the girls of the streets at noon a lesson in the art of giving first aid to the injured at the factory during the noon hour.

The home of the union printers at Colorado Springs was visited on Wednesday of last week by a furious storm of wind, which lasted more than twenty-four hours, doing considerable damage to the annex and other buildings of the institution. The storm of wind was so strong and continuous that many of the plate glass windows were perforated as if done with small shot. The money damage is estimated at between \$1,000 and \$2,000. The trustees have instructed Superintendent Deacon to make immediate repairs.

One matter in connection with the substitution of Italian for black labor on the boats that is giving some concern to the shippers and others in New Orleans is the fact that the negro is a liberal spender, while the Italian is not. Every time a boat is loaded with goods, the most of the money may go in crap games, but at all events it goes and is thus kept in circulation. The Italian, on the other hand, is frugal, sparing of appetite and niggard of purse. He will make a few cents a day cover all of his needs, while he hoards his money in anticipation of the time when he will be able to buy a new suit.

The Massachusetts labor statistician reports 422,497 persons out of a total population of 2,806,346 to be engaged in manufacturing, and many as \$2.52 being engaged in the making of leather and shoes, 77,962 in building, 45,488 in clothing, 9,935 in food preparation, 8,827 in machinery and metals, 9,887 in paper and paper goods, 127,348 in transportation, 1,571 in wooden goods and 6,413 in "other industries." "Learned professions" of religion, law and medicine there are some 13,999 persons, every 544 persons there is one engaged in religious work; for every \$99 one is engaged in law, for every \$49 one engaged in medicine.

The shipbuilding industry of Maine has been very active during the last year and it is estimated that the net tonnage turned out at the ship yards of the Pine Tree State will amount to about 55,000 tons by December 31—10,000 in excess of the output for 1899. Thirty-three schooners, most of which are of very large size, have been launched this year and the outlook for next season is very encouraging. There has been some talk of building a seven-masted schooner, 200 feet long, at Camden, Me., and the contract will probably be awarded in a few months.

According to the report of Hon. S. W. Matthews, state industrial and labor commissioner, the Pine Tree State is the champion sardine canning community of the country and is third on the list of states that can sweet corn. In fact Maine is the only state engaged in the industry of putting up small herrings and other suitable fish as sardines. There are about 175 canning factories within its borders, the value of which is about \$1,234,900, and give employment to more than 15,000 operatives. The amount of wages paid in 1899 was about \$1,400,000; to the farmers for corn, \$231,000, and the value of

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the entire output of all the factories was \$5,960,000 during the year. Over 11,000 acres were planted to sweet corn in 1899. The raising of clams, blueberries, apples, beans, squash, pumpkin and small fruits seems to be on the increase.

The result of investigations into labor conditions in New Jersey, recently issued by the bureau of statistics of that state, throws light on the workings of trades unions there. The bureau has made a systematic attempt to determine what proportion of their income is devoted by the organizations to strikes, to benefits and to the reserve fund. The returns show that in certain trades the tendency is to make the unions more and more into benefit societies instead of into strike agencies. It also appears that the unions which make the largest payments for relief and lay by the most liberal reserves seldom enter upon prolonged strikes. Fifty unions in New Jersey, representing eighteen trades, with a membership of 6,718, had been investigated so far. Their income last year was \$640,000. About 18 per cent of this went for benefits, 27 per cent for strikes and 54 per cent for reserve.

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